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1. The week was unusually quiet but a total of 12 more assassination victims were discovered in the departments of Jalapa, Izabal, Antigua, and Guatemala many showing signs of having been tortured--providing grim, albeit mute testimony that all is far from peaceful in Guatemala.

One of the victims was identified as Pedro Fajardo Ajin, a labor leader on the finca La Concepcion

2. There was also another kidnapping. Alfonso Cuevas Guevara, Rodolfo Gonzalez and an unidentified man were taken from a bar in Baca del Monte in the Department of Guatemala on September 8. They have not been politically identified and no motive is known.

3. There continue to be well-armed bands of men operating in various parts of the country. One group held up a bus in Escuintla on September 8 killing one passenger, and what appear to be two groups raided the towns of San Raymundo and San Juan Sacatepéquez in the Department of Guatemala stealing from a number of houses. These groups may have no political implications. On September 13 the Minister of Government Héctor Mancilla Pinto was reported to have stated categorically that the band operating in Escuintla consisted of common criminals.

4. A sabotage attack on power lines at El Carmen Frontera, in the Department of San Marcos, and the machinegunning of a Highway Department truck near Chiquimula rounded out the week.

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

- Sept. 5 Electric lines sabotaged at El Carmon Frontera, Dept. San Marcos.
- 6 - Truck belonging to Highway Department machinegunned near Chiquimula. Two occupants unharmed.
- 8 - Machinegun-armed men holdup bus near finca Barcelona, Dept. Escuintla. Kill one passenger.
- 8 - Three unidentified bodies found in Los Amates, Dept. Izabal. They had been shot and showed other signs of violence.
- 8 - Three unidentified, shot bodies found on road between Antigua and Santa Maria Jesus, Dept. Antigua.
- 8 - Beaten, unidentified body found in Rio Motagua, in Morales, Dept. Izabal.
- 8 - Two bodies found near San Luis Jilotepeque, Dept. Jalapa. They were identified as Jesus Lopez and Juventino Marroquin Lopez, who had been kidnapped from their home Sept. 3 by machinegun-armed men.
- 8 - Three men kidnapped from bar in Baca del Monte, Dept. Guatemala. Two were identified as Alfonso Guevas Guevara and Rodolfo Gonzalez. No political motive known.
- 10 - Bands of men armed with submachineguns raided houses and stole money, arms and valuables in San Raymundo and San Juan Sacatepequez, Dept. Guatemala.
- 10 - Three bodies found, shot, at Mal Paso, Dept. Santa Rosa. One was Pedro Fayardo Ajin, union leader on finca La Concepcion. Other two not identified.

CORRECTION: José Gonzalo Acevedo Ramirez, reported assassinated in Zacapa September 5, should have been identified as Deputy Director of Caminos (Highway Dept.) in the Department of Zacapa, not as a tailor.

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